



THOMAS JEFFERSON'S

Monticello



CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA



THE HOUSE

Often described as one of our country's foremost architectural masterpieces, Thomas Jefferson's Monticello remains today as a testimony to its creator's ingenuity and breadth of interests. Located on a mountaintop in Albemarle County, the house commands a view of the rolling Virginia countryside that Jefferson so

dearly loved. It was here that he retreated from the pressures of public office, having served as Governor of Virginia, Minister to the Court of Louis XVI of France, Secretary of State, Vice President, and ultimately the third President of the United States.

Architecture endured as one of Jefferson's chief delights. The house was built and subsequently remodeled over a period of forty years, reflecting the pleasure he found in "putting up and pulling down." Throughout are reminders of Jefferson's thoughtful mind and keen interest in the scientific. Visitors are surprised to find that the entrance hall functioned as a museum containing fossil bones, a buffalo head, elk antlers, and a seven-day clock which indicated the day in addition to the hour. Clearly, no other house in America so accurately conveys the personality of its owner.

Today, restoration continues throughout the house, and the ongoing acquisition of original furnishings is helping to recreate the interior as it was during Jefferson's lifetime.



THE GROUNDS

Jefferson's attention to garden design paralleled his interest in architecture. Both ornamental and vegetable gardens, as well as two orchards, a vineyard, and an eighteen-acre "grove," or ornamental forest, were included in his landscape plans.

Jefferson was an avid believer in horticultural experimentation. He tested over two hundred and fifty varieties of vegetables and herbs, including nearly twenty varieties of English pea, his favorite vegetable. Many of these varieties are grown today in his 1000-foot vegetable garden.

Few early American gardens are as well documented as those at Monticello. Jefferson's detailed records, along with recent archaeological discoveries, have made possible an accurate recreation of his gardening scheme.

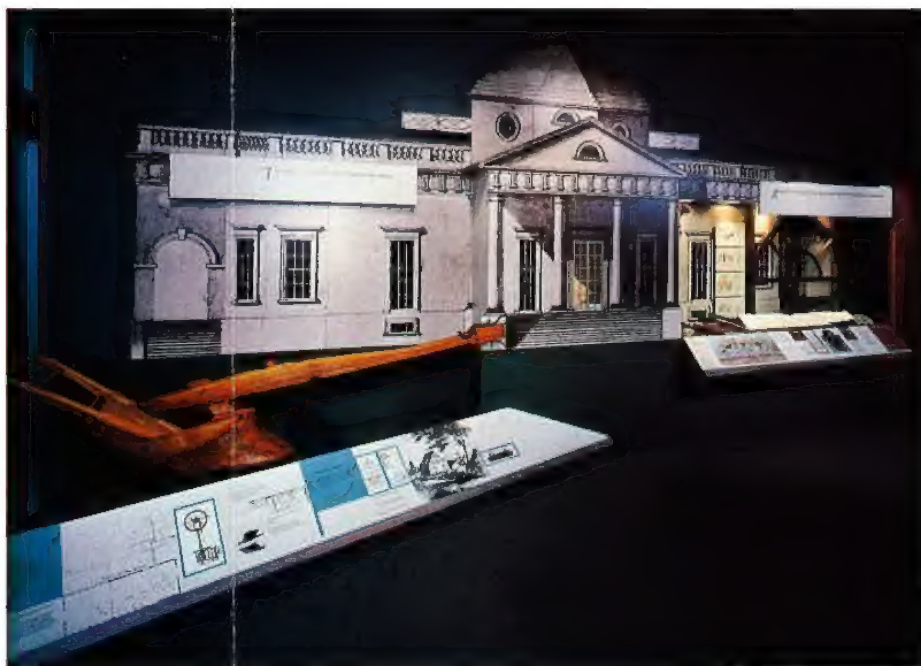
The Thomas Jefferson Center for Historic Plants, the first of its kind in the nation, opened at Monticello in 1987. The Center includes a propagation and research facility and a Garden Shop where visitors can purchase a variety of historic plants and seeds. This educational and preservation program is a fitting tribute to Jefferson's lifelong quest for useful and ornamental plants for American gardens.



TOURS

Guided tours of the house are offered daily except Christmas. Guided garden and plantation tours are available at selected times daily from April through October at no additional charge. The Gardens and Grounds tours explore the restored flower and vegetable gardens, grove, and orchards. The Plantation Community tours focus on the Monticello slave community and examine Mulberry Row, the mountaintop's original manufacturing area.



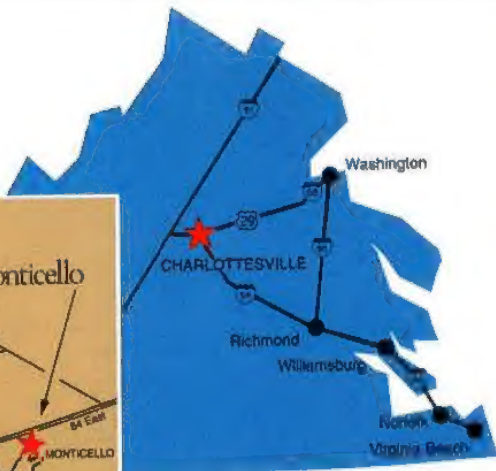


"THOMAS JEFFERSON AT MONTICELLO"

After your visit to Monticello, don't miss this landmark exhibition, located at the Monticello Visitors Center. Here you can explore the many fascinating aspects of Jefferson's domestic life at Monticello. The free exhibition features nearly four hundred objects and artifacts, many of which are on display for the first time. You will see a rich assortment of personal, family, and slave memorabilia, in addition to artifacts discovered during recent archaeological excavations at Monticello, architectural models and drawings, and two audiovisual presentations. Also, an award-winning film entitled, "Thomas Jefferson: The Pursuit of Liberty," is shown twice daily in the exhibition theater. For a small charge, you can enjoy a recorded tour of the exhibition.

"Thomas Jefferson at Monticello" is designed to complement a guided tour of the house and grounds. Located adjacent to the exhibition is the Museum Shop, which offers a wide assortment of books on Jefferson, giftware, and reproductions made exclusively for Monticello. The Monticello Visitors Center is located on Route 20 South at Interstate 64, approximately two miles west of Monticello.





MONTICELLO is owned and operated by the Thomas Jefferson Memorial Foundation, Inc., a private, nonprofit organization formed in 1923 to purchase, preserve and maintain Monticello as a national monument to Thomas Jefferson. Your patronage helps assure the preservation of the house and grounds and the continuation of the Foundation's educational programs.

Monticello is located on Route 53, three miles southeast of Charlottesville. Traveling east on Interstate 64, take Exit 121A, and traveling west, take Exit 121, and follow signs to Monticello. Hours are 8 AM to 5 PM from March through October and 9 AM to 4:30 PM during the rest of the year. The "Thomas Jefferson at Monticello" exhibition at the Monticello Visitors Center is open daily from 9 AM to 5:30 PM. Winter hours are 9 AM to 5 PM. Hours and rates are subject to change without notice. Save on adult admission to Charlottesville's historic attractions by purchasing the PRESIDENTS' PASS discount combination ticket, available at the Monticello Visitors Center. For further information, write to the Development and Public Affairs Department, Monticello, Box 217, Charlottesville, Virginia, 22902, or call (804) 984-9822 or 984-9800.

